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Statistics Profession Honors Dr. Karl E. Peace

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Biostatistics Professor Karl E. Peace, Ph.D., in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health and a Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Cancer Scholar, was recently honored with a plaque and testimonials at a special awards ceremony during the 20th Anniversary of the Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium (BASS) in Orlando, Fla.

Recognized for his numerous contributions to the statistics professions, including founding and directing BASS, Peace has devoted 20 years of service to the profession of statistics through the conception and leadership of the Biopharmaceutical Applied Statistics Symposium.

Among the profession's premier statistical meetings, BASS has contributed to some 50 students in obtaining their doctorate or master's degrees in biostatistics.

Many of Peace's colleagues who spoke on his behalf at the event praised his contribution to the field of biostatistics.:

"For me, like so many others, Karl Peace is an inspiration. Karl has inspired us as human beings, with his success in rising from humble beginnings, his modesty and his compassion for others," said Richard Simon, D.Sc., and Chief of the Biometric Research Branch at the National Cancer Institute.

"I have had the wonderful privilege of knowing Dr. Karl Peace for more than 30 years through collaborations for biopharmaceutical statistics research projects, biostatistical manuscripts, editorial work for the *Journal of Biopharmaceutical Statistics*, and participation in sessions of conferences and workshops addressing biopharmaceutical statistical topics, with BASS being among the most professionally worthwhile of these conferences. In all of these areas, I have found Karl's scientific insights and professional contributions to be outstanding," said Gary G. Koch, a professor in the Department of Biostatistics at the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina.

"Karl Peace combines professional passion with human compassion like none other I know. BASS is a perfect example of this. His dedication and relentless persistence has stood behind the success of BASS since the beginning," said Andreas Sashegyi, senior research adviser with Eli Lilly.

Peace is a well-known philanthropist has created 21 endowments at five institutions.

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